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2. (Amended) The gaming machine of claim 1, wherein the non-cash prizes are selected from the group consisting of merchandise, vacations, airline miles, and shopping sprees.

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7. (Amended) The gaming machine of claim 1, wherein the prize display mechanism is a printed sign, a video display screen, a bonus wheel, a video touch screen, an LCD (Liquid Crystal Display), a back-lit glass panel or a prize.

8. (Amended) The gaming machine of claim 1, wherein the memory is an EEPROM (Electronically Erasable Programmable-Read only Memory), a CD-ROM (Compact Disc-Read Only Memory), DVD (Digital Versatile Disc), a non-volatile memory, or a magnetic storage device.

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14. (Amended) A prize server comprising;
an interface for providing prize information to one or more gaming machines wherein at least one of the gaming machines is located external to the prize server; and
a memory storing the prize information as groups of prizes for separate display on the one or more gaming machines
wherein prizes include cash prizes and non-cash prizes.

15. (Amended) The prize server of claim 14, wherein the non-cash prizes are selected from the group consisting of merchandise, vacations, airline miles, and shopping sprees.

20. (Amended) The prize server of claim 14, wherein the display is a video display screen, a touch screen, or a LCD (Liquid Crystal Display).

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21. (Amended) A prize distribution network comprising;
(a) a prize server comprising;
An interface for providing prize information to one or more gaming machines
wherein at least one of the gaming machines is external to the prize server; and
A memory storing the prize information as groups of prizes for separate display on the one or more gaming machines; and
(b) a plurality of gaming machines each gaming machine comprising;
a memory storing a list of prizes; and
a prize display mechanism displaying the prizes; and
a prize selection mechanism used to select one or more prizes for one or more outcomes of a game played on the gaming machine
wherein the prizes include cash prizes and non-cash prizes.

23. (Amended) The prize distribution network of claim 21, wherein the non-cash prizes are selected from the group consisting of merchandise, vacations, airline miles, and shopping sprees.

Sub B7 24. (Amended) In a gaming machine having a prize selection mechanism, a prize display mechanism for displaying a list of prizes, a method of selecting a prize specific to an outcome of a game played on a gaming machine, the method comprising;
A5 displaying multiple prizes available for selection in the prize display mechanism;
receiving an input signal from the prize selection mechanism for selecting a prize from the list of prizes, said input signal corresponding to a user's selection of the selected prize;
receiving a game play signal and determining the game play outcome; and
presenting the game play and game play outcome
wherein the prizes include cash prizes and non-cash prizes.

25. (Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein the non-cash prizes are selected from the group consisting of merchandise, vacations, airline miles, and shopping sprees.

A6 28. (Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the portable memory device is a magnetic card, a personal digital assistant or a smart card.

34. (Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein the prize display mechanism is a printed sign, a video display screen, a bonus wheel, a video touch screen, back-lit glass panel or an LCD (Liquid Crystal Display).

A7 Sub B7 35. (Amended) In a prize distribution network comprising a plurality of gaming machines connected to a prize server, a method for distributing information about prizes available on specific gaming machines, the method comprising,
establishing communication with each gaming machine connected to the prize server; and
sending prize information from a memory on the prize server to a memory on each gaming machine, said prize information specific to prizes which are available for selection by game players as game awards on games played on the gaming machines
wherein the prizes include cash prizes and non-cash prizes.

Please add the following claims.

A8 41. The method of claim 24, further comprising: